

From: Donald E. Barlow
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/28/02 4:01pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

----- Forwarded by Donald E. Barlow/PSG/Prudential on
01/28/2002 04:00 PM -----

"Microsoft's Freedom To Innovate Network" <fin@MobilizationOffice.com>
Monday January 28, 2002 03:55 PM
To: "donald_barlow@prusec.com" <donald_barlow@prusec.com>
cc:
Subject: Attorney General John Ashcroft Letter

Attached is the letter we have drafted for you based on your comments. Please review it and make changes to anything that does not represent what you think. If you received this letter by fax, you can photocopy it onto your business letterhead; if the letter was emailed, just print it out on your letterhead. Then sign and fax it to the Attorney General. We believe that it is essential to let our Attorney General know how important this issue is to their constituents. The public comment period for this issue ends on January 28th. Please send in your letter as soon as is convenient.

When you send out the letter, please do one of the following:

- * Fax a signed copy of your letter to us at 1-800-641-2255;
- * Email us at fin@mobilizationoffice.com to confirm that you took action.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at 1-800-965-4376. Thank you for your help in this matter.

The Attorney General's fax and email are noted below.

Fax: 1-202-307-1454 or 1-202-616-9937

Email: microsoft.atr@usdoj.gov

In the Subject line of the e-mail, type Microsoft Settlement.

For more information, please visit these websites:

www.microsoft.com/freedomtoinnovate/
www.usdoj.gov/atr/cases/ms-settle.htm

(See attached file: USAGBarlow_Donald_1044_0124.doc)

The confidentiality of Internet e-mail cannot be guaranteed. Information you send us over Internet e-mail could be viewed by persons other than the intended recipients.

Therefore, you should not include your account numbers, credit card numbers, passwords, home address or other private information in your e-mail messages. Also, we will not accept buy or sell orders or cancels, address changes, funds transfer requests or other instructions normally requiring your signature by e-mail.

All market prices, data and other information in this communication are not warranted as to completeness or accuracy and may be subject to change. This communication is not an official record of your account and should not be relied upon for information regarding your account. Please refer to your Trade Confirmation and Client Statement which are the official records of your account. If there are any discrepancies between this transmission and your Trade Confirmation and Client Statement, you should rely on the Trade Confirmation and Client Statement and contact your local branch manager with any questions.

This information is being sent to you for your information or at your request. If you do not wish to receive any further information about our products or services, please send a message via e-mail to PSI_DO_NOT_EMAIL@PRUDENTIAL.COM.

Prudential Securities Incorporated
One Seaport Plaza New York, NY 10292

610 Old York Road Suite 400
Jenkintown, PA 19046

January 28, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am sending you this brief message to simply say I favor a swift settlement of the Microsoft anti-trust case. This case has gone on long enough. After four years of litigation, appellate hearings and constant clamor the parties have a fair and workable settlement proposal, endorsed by the court, your department, Microsoft and the majority of state complainants. The proposal should be ratified and the case closed.

The settlement requires Microsoft to radically alter its business practices and its philosophy. Microsoft will now be required to configure its Windows platforms in a manner that readily accept non-Windows software. The company will be required to license its Windows systems to major computer Manufacturers on uniform terms. Microsoft has agreed not to use retaliatory practices against manufacturers whose products compete against its product. It has promised generally to abjure any predatory or anti-competitive market practices. It has agreed, as I said above, to adopt a whole new market philosophy that encourages not just competition, but its competitors. Surely such concessions are sufficient consideration for an end to this lawsuit.

Please support this agreement and help bring this case to a close.

Sincerely,

Donald Barlow

cc: Senator Rick Santorum

MTC-00028489_0003